

Where Do We Recycle This?

Here is a handy list of Recycling Resources. Post it for easy reference.
If your business does not have web access, please call 253-856-5549, and we will assist you.

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs or Tubes: These contain mercury and are illegal to throw in the garbage. Recycling is required.	TakeltBackNetwork.org This site has information on businesses that accept these for recycling.
Computer Monitors, Laptops, TVs: These contain hazardous material and are illegal to place in the garbage. Recycling is required.	eCycleWashington.org This site has information on businesses that accept these for recycling at no cost.
Styrofoam Avoiding use of Styrofoam is the best option, however, when you do end up with this packaging material, please recycle it.	StyroRecycle.com This Renton based company accepts drop off and has some pick up services available for a fee. Contact them for more details.
Hazardous Waste Products Cleaning solutions, chemicals and other hazardous waste needs to handled carefully.	lhwmp.org/home/YellowBook King County's "Yellow Book" offers an alphabetical listing of products and local disposal or recycling facilities.
Recycling Database Unusual items such as batteries, mattresses and paint	your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw King County's online database with a listing of recyclers for unusual items.

Onsite Recycling Assistance Available for Kent Businesses



A City of Kent representative can work with your business to reduce waste and recycle more. Onsite assistance includes a free waste evaluation, help with improvements, education or outreach to staff, signage and a free business recycling kit. Our Business Recycling kit includes information on what is recyclable, local recyclers, environmental recognition programs and where to recycle unusual items.

If you would like to set up a meeting to start or boost recycling, please contact the City at **253-856-5549**.

More Tools to Assist You

Check out the following websites to assist you in reducing your carbon footprint and your bottom line:

The Environmental Protection Agency has created the online Waste Reduction Model (WARM) to help organizations estimate the energy and greenhouse gas emissions reductions from several different waste management practices. For information visit: epa.gov/osw/conserve/tools. The Office Carbon Footprint Tool at epa.gov/osw/partnerships/wastewise/carboncalc.htm also provides information to help businesses make decisions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with their activities.

The Washington State Department of Ecology has information to assist businesses in anything from protecting air quality to how to safely dispose of hazardous waste, reducing toxics and protecting water quality. Visit benefits-of-recycling.com/washingtondeptofecology.html

ECOSS is a free and confidential resource helping businesses save money and contribute to a healthier environment since 1994. To learn more how ECOSS can work for your business, visit Eco.org or call 206-767-0432. An ECOSS staff member can help you reduce your carbon footprint by leveraging resources, providing support and facilitating savings from:

- Energy conservation
- Water conservation
- Waste reduction
- Transportation options



119 Kent businesses attended Summer's recycling event and helped keep **nearly 15 tons** of material from going to the landfill!

For information on commercial and residential waste reduction and recycling programs:
KentRecycles.com



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Reduce Your Bottom Line - Reduce Waste Headed for the Landfill

Your garbage bill is determined by the amount of garbage your business produces and the impact that has on the environment. Garbage is defined as anything that's not recyclable or compostable.

To ensure only true garbage goes into the collection bin, train your employees to recognize what items are recyclable or compostable by posting Recycling and Food Waste Guides by every garbage container to keep that material out. Ask your recycling or food waste collection provider for this type of information to assist in the training process.



Free Recycling for Small Cart-Based Businesses



New this year! Businesses within the city limits of Kent that have garbage cart service, are now eligible to get a free recycling cart.

This is a great way for your small business to reduce waste and increase recycling. If you have a cart for garbage and do not have recycling, please contact Allied Waste at 253-872-7220, to sign up for this free service.

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Stretch the Landfill - Delay Transport Costs



There is only one remaining landfill left in King County – Cedar Hills Landfill in Maple Valley. At current disposal volumes, it is anticipated to be closed in thirteen to fourteen years. By reducing the amount of garbage your business sends to Cedar Hills, you will be helping to extend the life of this landfill and delaying the onset of the high cost of shipping our area's garbage via railroad to a landfill elsewhere.

Recycling Makes You Look Good - Brag About It

Not only is recycling easy, it protects the environment in that fewer natural resources have to be extracted. In addition, greenhouse gas emissions associated with the manufacture, distribution, use and subsequent disposal of products are reduced as a result of increased recycling and waste reduction. Let your customers know you're doing your part to protect the quality of life in Kent.

Brag about it! Customers will appreciate it.



Close the Recycling Loop



Recycling is a four-step process that involves:

1. Educating staff
2. Collecting recyclable materials,
3. Remanufacturing them into new products
4. Purchasing recycled products.

All four must happen for recycling to be a success.

More and more products are being made from materials recycled at home and work. Utilizing secondary resources for manufacturing new products saves money, conserves energy, saves landfill space and protects natural resources.

When purchasing, look for the label specifying the percentage of post-consumer and pre-consumer material they contain. Post-consumer material is that which has completed its lifecycle as a consumer item and has been diverted or recovered from waste destined for disposal. Pre-consumer materials are those that result from manufacturing/production over-runs, trimmings, unused stock, or waste resulting from converting operations.

Purchase of products made with post-consumer recycled content strengthens markets for recyclable materials. The higher the post-consumer recycled content, the better. So buy recycled!

Is Your Business Green? Get Recognized!

The City of Kent recognizes businesses that have green practices through the Kent Green Business of the Year program. Businesses are required to practice six waste reduction activities, recycle sixty percent of waste that is generated and use recycled content products. Benefits include receiving an award at a televised Kent City Council meeting, having your business profiled in the City's green business recycling newsletter and Chamber of Commerce E-newsletter and being featured on the City's recycling website. Past recipients of this award have included: REI, Boeing, Worldwide Distributors and Emerald City Graphics.

The deadline to apply is September 15th. To receive an electronic application, email Gina at ghungerford@KentWA.gov. Businesses must be within Kent city limits.